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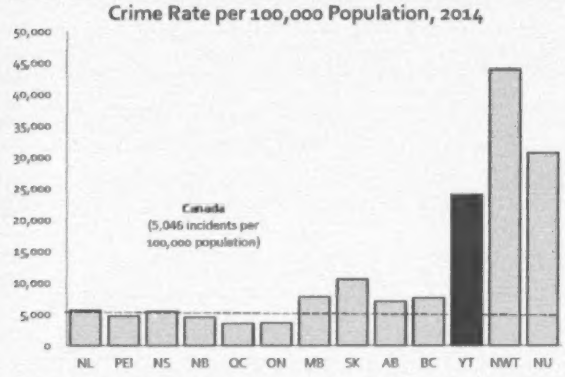
Police-reported Crime Statistics in Yukon 2014

This report is based on data released by Statistics Canada from the incident-based Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR) . The UCR collects information on all criminal incidents (of adults and youth) reported to, and substantiated by, Canadian police services.

Highlights:

- A total of 9,720 criminal incidents were reported to police in Yukon in 2014: 1,660 violent Criminal Code violations; 3,415 property crime; 3,658 'other' Criminal Code violations; 617 Criminal Code traffic violations; and 370 Federal Statutes violations.
- Yukon's 2014 police-reported crime rate (23,919 incidents per 100,000 population) was 0.3% higher than the 2013 rate (23,842 incidents per 100,000).

Crime Rate, Canada, Provinces and Territories, 2014



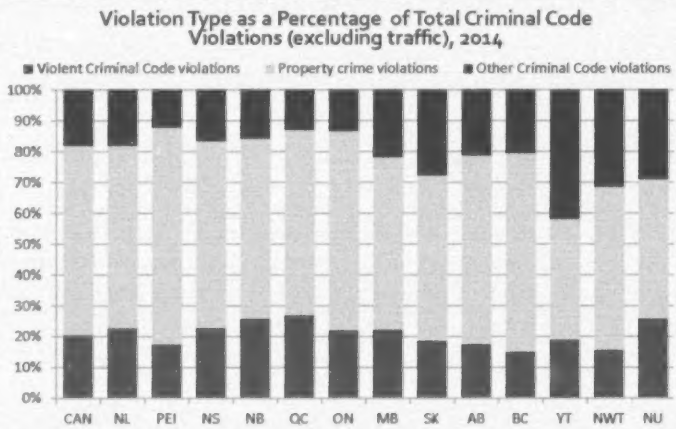
- Yukon's 2014 crime rate was the third highest in the country at 23,919 incidents per 100,000 population.
- In 2014, the crime rate increased 0.3% compared to 2013 (23,842 incidents per 100,000). However, the 2014 crime rate was 7.8% higher than the 2005 rate (22,188 incidents per 100,000).

Criminal Code traffic offences, as well as federal statute violations are not included in the calculation of the crime rate.

Crime counts are based on the most serious offence in an incident; however, violent criminal incidents are generally counted separately for each victim.

Criminal Code Violations (excluding traffic), Canada, Provinces and Territories, 2014

- In 2014, there were 8,733 actual incidents of Criminal Code violations (excluding traffic) in Yukon. Of this total, 19.0% were violent Criminal Code violations; 39.1% were property crimes; and 41.9% were 'other' Criminal Code violations*. In terms of the *proportion of total incidents*:
  - Yukon ranked the sixth lowest in the country for violent Criminal Code violations,
  - the lowest in the country for property crimes, and
  - the highest in Canada for 'other' Criminal Code violations.
- The above Yukon proportions compare nationally at: 20.6% violent Criminal Code violations; 61.4% property crime; and 18.1% 'other' Criminal Code violations.



** While 'other' Criminal Code violations typically include counterfeiting, weapons violations, child pornography, prostitution, disturb the peace and administration of justice, etc., these 'other' violations for Yukon (3,658 incidents) mainly included disturb the peace (2,634 incidents) and administration of justice (840 incidents).*

Other Sources of Crime Information:

Statistics Canada's Juristat - provides in-depth analysis and detailed statistics on a variety of justice-related topics and issues. http://www5.statcan.gc.ca/olc-cel/olc.action?ObjId=85-002-X&ObjType=2&lang=en&Limit=1

Statistics Canada's Juristat Bulletin - publication features short, informative articles focusing on specific justice-related issues. http://www5.statcan.gc.ca/olc-cel/olc.action?ObjId=85-005-X&ObjType=2&lang=en&limit=0

Violent Criminal Code Violations, Number of Actual Incidents, Yukon, 2005 to 2014

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013[r]	2014
Total violent Criminal Code violations	**1,307**	**1,243**	**1,301**	**1,269**	**1,404**	**1,464**	**1,470**	**1,458**	**1,525**	**1,660**
Homicide	1	0	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	3
Total other violations causing death	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attempted murder	2	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	1	0
Sexual assault, level 3, aggravated	..	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault, level 2, weapon or bodily harm	..	1	4	0	2	1	2	4	2	4
Sexual assault, level 1	63	57	53	50	71	66	62	73	74	77
Total sexual violations against children[1]	..	0	1	0	2	3	4	9	12	18
Assault, level 3, aggravated	3	14	17	12	14	15	26	16	15	23
Assault, level 2, weapon or bodily harm	159	143	183	161	156	151	184	181	165	181
Assault, level 1	721	674	675	666	727	703	782	738	815	843
Total assaults against a peace officer	19	15	9	24	52	85	40	29	26	36
Total other assaults	1	1	1	3	2	6	3	3	1	3
Total firearms; use of, discharge, pointing	0	1	2	2	5	10	5	8	5	10
Total robbery	18	17	16	16	9	17	13	11	9	26
Total forcible confinement or kidnapping	7	12	12	9	24	18	9	8	3	6
Total abduction	1	1	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0
Extortion	1	2	2	2	2	0	0	1	0	3
Criminal harassment	13	14	16	24	13	22	16	16	45	52
Uttering threats	219	193	245	226	242	266	237	249	241	259
Threatening or harassing phone calls	73	80	53	51	65	85	76	103	107	102
Total other violent violations	6	17	8	14	11	12	7	9	4	14

[1]Sexual violations against children is a new crime category with only partial data available prior to 2008. As a result, numbers and rates should not be directly compared to data from previous years.

Crimes against the person involve the use or threatened use of violence against a person, including homicide, attempted murder, assault, sexual assault and robbery. Robbery is considered a crime against the person because unlike other theft offences it involves the use or threat of violence.

Property Crime, Number of Actual Incidents, Yukon, 2005 to 2014

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013[r]	2014
Total property crime	**3,703**	**3,313**	**3,158**	**3,394**	**3,069**	**3,111**	**3,189**	**3,131**	**3,485**	**3,415**
Total breaking and entering	515	460	349	254	258	246	191	205	218	210
Total possession of stolen property	39	26	28	39	33	42	19	46	41	26
Total trafficking in stolen property[3]		..	..	..	..	0	0	1	0	2
Total theft of motor vehicle	146	140	135	171	132	163	115	146	190	109
Total theft over $5,000 (non-motor vehicle)	35	19	21	27	17	33	22	25	25	26
Total theft under $5,000 (non-motor vehicle)	1,094	865	743	689	715	746	798	904	979	939
Fraud[4]	77	85	102	125	129	111	81	92	97	97
Identity theft[4]		..	..	..	..	0	0	2	1	1
Identity fraud[4]		..	..	0	0	5	12	3	4	3
Total mischief	1,778	1,706	1,765	2,075	1,771	1,750	1,934	1,690	1,917	1,990
Arson	19	12	15	14	14	15	17	17	13	12

[3]In April 2011, legislation came into effect making it an offence to traffic in property obtained by crime, including possession with intent to traffic property obtained by crime.
[4]In January 2010, the UCR survey was modified to create new violation codes for identity fraud and identity theft. Prior to 2010, those offences would have been coded as fraud.

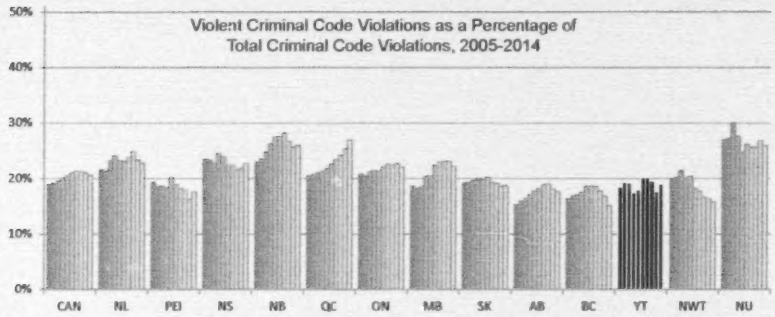
Property crimes involve unlawful acts to gain property, but do not involve the use or threat of violence against the person. They include offences such as break and enter, theft and fraud.

Other Criminal Code Violations, Number of Actual Incidents, Yukon, 2005 to 2014

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013[r]	2014
Total other Criminal Code violations	**2,069**	**1,874**	**2,312**	**2,608**	**3,345**	**2,681**	**2,628**	**2,890**	**3,660**	**3,658**
Counterfeiting	2	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Total weapons violations	31	20	28	26	33	17	29	36	30	44
Child pornography	0	4	4	0	3	0	3	1	5	4
Total prostitution	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	2
Disturb the peace	1,525	1,328	1,670	1,940	2,424	1,790	1,692	1,898	2,539	2,634
Total administration of justice violations	445	460	508	553	779	772	797	833	959	840
Total other violations	66	62	99	87	105	101	106	122	125	134

These incidents involve the remaining Criminal Code offences that are not classified as violent or property (excluding traffic offences). Examples are mischief, bail violations, disturbing the peace, arson, prostitution and offensive weapons.

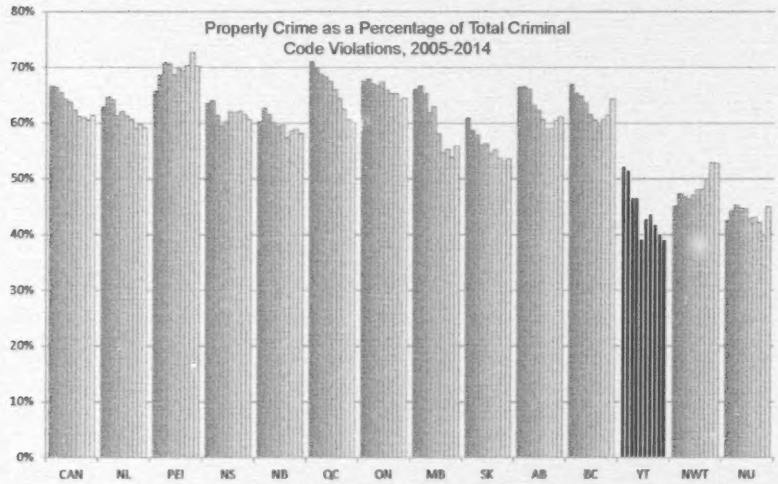
Number of Incidents by Violation Type as a Percentage of Total Criminal Code Violations (excluding traffic), Yukon, 2005 to 2014



- While the majority of Canadian jurisdictions have seen an upward followed by a downward trend in violent Criminal Code violations as a percentage of total Criminal Code violations, except in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Quebec. For Yukon, the percentage had an overall declining trend from 2006 to 2008, increased in 2009 and 2010, decreased in 2012 and 2013, and increased again in 2014.

- Over the past ten years, violent Criminal Code violations have averaged 18.9% of all Criminal Code violations in Yukon, the fifth lowest in the country.

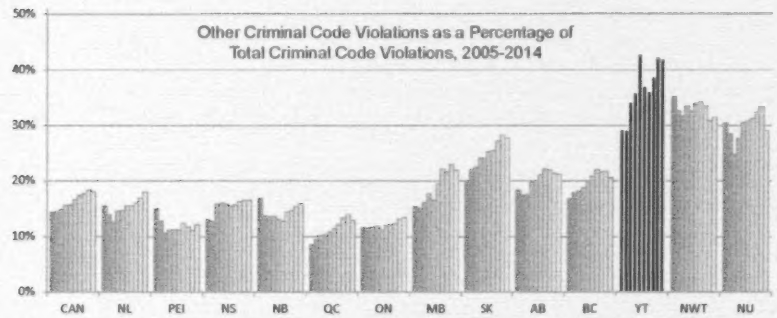
- In 2014, there were 1,047 incidents of *assault* levels 1-3 in Yukon, accounting for 63.1% of all violent Criminal Code violations. Collectively, *uttering threats* (259), *threatening or harassing phone calls* (102), and *criminal harassment* (52) accounted for 24.9%. *Sexual assault* levels 1-3 (81) accounted for 4.9% of all violent Criminal Code violations.



- Yukon has experienced an overall downward trend in property crime as a percentage of all Criminal Code violations. With the exceptions of Prince Edward Island, Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories and Nunavut, other jurisdictions also experienced a downward trend.

- On average over the last ten years, property crime has accounted for 44.1% of all Criminal Code violations in Yukon, the second lowest in the country. In 2014, the percentage of property crime in Yukon (39.1%) was the lowest in Canada.

- In 2014, there were 1,990 incidents of *mischief* accounting for 58.3% of all property crime in Yukon. *Theft* (1,074) accounted for 31.4% of all property crime, and *breaking and entering* (210) accounted for 6.1%.



- With the exception of the Northwest Territories, the majority of jurisdictions have seen an overall upward trend in other Criminal Code violations as a percentage of all Criminal Code violations.

- While Yukon's average 'other' Criminal Code violations percentage ranks highest in the country (37.1%) over the last decade, *disturb the peace* incidents have accounted for 70.1% of that figure.

- In 2014, there were 2,634 incidents of *disturb the peace* accounting for 72.0% of all 'other' Criminal Code violations in Yukon. *Administration of justice violations* incidents (840) accounted for 23.0%.

Criminal Code Violations (excluding traffic) by Type, Number of Actual Incidents, by Rural RCMP Detachment Area, 2005 to 2014

		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013[r]	2014
Total Violent Criminal Code Violations	**Yukon**	**1,307**	**1,243**	**1,301**	**1,269**	**1,404**	**1,464**	**1,470**	**1,458**	**1,525**	**1,660**
	Beaver Creek	9	11	6	6	9	4	5	16	12	4
	Carcross	25	32	44	53	54	50	49	34	53	52
	Carmacks	52	39	59	45	36	28	43	33	29	65
	Dawson	83	68	55	56	58	63	62	59	45	68
	Faro	4	8	6	9	7	7	7	4	15	6
	Haines Junction	23	40	49	38	19	45	40	42	60	48
	Mayo	33	38	20	17	22	27	40	44	49	60
	Old Crow	30	32	30	21	39	16	26	23	36	33
	Pelly Crossing	32	32	40	46	45	74	66	49	70	71
	Ross River	58	36	34	26	41	59	46	35	30	54
	Teslin	20	17	23	19	35	28	28	37	33	20
	Watson Lake	175	219	230	177	192	190	170	184	178	109
	Whitehorse	763	671	705	756	847	873	888	898	915	1,070
Total Property Crime	**Yukon**	**3,703**	**3,313**	**3,158**	**3,394**	**3,069**	**3,111**	**3,189**	**3,131**	**3,485**	**3,415**
	Beaver Creek	21	17	12	18	25	24	16	14	16	18
	Carcross	65	62	69	65	81	71	40	42	54	74
	Carmacks	104	67	71	65	73	48	60	59	62	70
	Dawson	178	130	198	165	117	132	167	160	158	131
	Faro	13	8	15	15	8	22	8	18	18	23
	Haines Junction	84	78	74	80	70	60	73	81	91	82
	Mayo	67	88	67	94	74	40	31	49	104	90
	Old Crow	73	69	75	66	50	49	50	39	26	35
	Pelly Crossing	91	97	102	94	125	159	158	102	107	122
	Ross River	111	89	91	134	89	80	55	56	68	70
	Teslin	54	40	38	54	49	66	63	76	83	82
	Watson Lake	315	377	389	417	396	311	259	259	294	240
	Whitehorse	2,526	2,190	1,957	2,127	1,912	2,049	2,209	2,176	2,404	2,378
Total Other Criminal Code Violations	**Yukon**	**2,069**	**1,874**	**2,312**	**2,608**	**3,345**	**2,681**	**2,628**	**2,890**	**3,660**	**3,658**
	Beaver Creek	6	15	4	7	13	4	4	7	5	2
	Carcross	20	22	28	45	80	40	57	46	56	63
	Carmacks	50	56	77	53	38	49	75	62	67	52
	Dawson	77	81	72	98	100	75	61	89	92	110
	Faro	5	3	3	3	3	7	7	17	14	9
	Haines Junction	18	29	42	35	21	16	24	25	22	38
	Mayo	68	81	64	54	30	28	30	30	61	52
	Old Crow	31	38	37	61	31	28	23	25	28	39
	Pelly Crossing	75	41	65	80	80	113	101	80	89	89
	Ross River	29	26	47	55	64	64	63	51	36	37
	Teslin	25	24	39	23	18	30	28	33	21	38
	Watson Lake	148	255	329	256	275	291	205	240	268	197
	Whitehorse	1,517	1,203	1,505	1,838	2,592	1,936	1,950	2,185	2,901	2,932

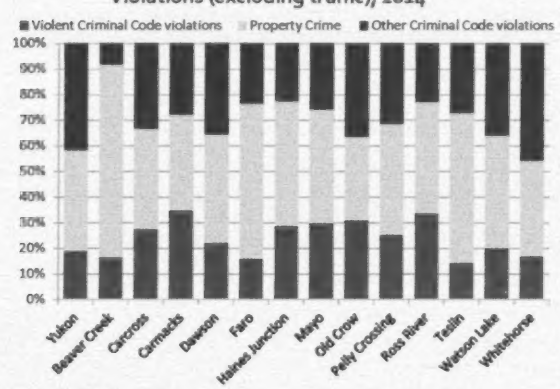
The number of actual incidents refers to the total number of incidents reported to the police minus incidents proven to be unfounded following preliminary investigation in any given year. Police-reported statistics may be affected by differences in the way police services deal with minor offences. In some instances, police or municipalities might choose to deal with some minor offences using municipal by-laws or provincial provisions rather than Criminal Code provisions. Differences in Police service's priorities, policies, procedures and enforcement practices may also have an effect.

Prior to the 2012 *Police-reported Crime Statistics in Yukon* report, Yukon Bureau of Statistics' crime publications contained microdata obtained directly from the Yukon RCMP office. Records management systems changed in 2004 and the publication was discontinued. Community-level data is now available via Statistics Canada CANSIM tables 252-0051 and 252-0082. As a result of these changes, the 2012 and 2013 reports as well as this publication (2014) are not comparable with previous ones.

Populations are based upon July 1 estimates from Statistics Canada, Demography Division.

For more information on the Incident-based Crime Reporting Survey - http://www23.statcan.gc.ca/imdb/p2SV.pl?Function=getSurvey&lang=en&db=imdb&adm=8&dis=2&SDDS=3302

Violation Type as a Percentage of Total Criminal Code Violations (excluding traffic), 2014



		2013[r]	2014
Total Number of Criminal Code Violations (excluding traffic)	**Yukon**	**8,670**	**8,733**
	Beaver Creek	33	24
	Carcross	163	189
	Carmacks	158	187
	Dawson	295	309
	Faro	47	38
	Haines	173	168
	Mayo	214	202
	Old Crow	90	107
	Pelly Crossing	266	282
	Ross River	134	161
	Teslin	137	140
	Watson Lake	740	546
	Whitehorse	6,220	6,380

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